

DALE FARM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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UN CALLS FOR URGENT TALKS OVER DALE FARM

Dear Mr Ball,

I write to assure you that I am ready at any time to meet with you, and officers of the Basildon District Council, to discuss how a safe and peaceful departure of the Dale Farm community can best be achieved.

We have already proposed a possible move to a location within the large Gardiners Land South housing scheme, which we understand has been shelved for at least five years. A temporary mobile-home park adequate for all our families could be set on about six acres there.

You may have other alternate locations in mind. We have not heard lately of any progress being made towards finding Government-owned land in or outside Basildon, as requested by Mr John Baron, MP. But this too may present a solution.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Mr Anwar Kemal, chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to the Permanent Mission of the UK in Geneva, urging that plans for the eviction of Dale Farm be suspended until an alternative can be provided.

You may also be aware that Assistant Chief Constable Derek Benson has expressed a wish that meetings be resumed between us with a view to finding a way forward acceptable to all parties.

Yours sincerely,

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